LEAD ABATEMENT CONTRACTORS & INSPECTION CONTRACTORS FORUMS

The Maryland Department of the Environment's Lead Accreditation & Oversight Division announces two annual forums. Select the appropriate forum to attend based on the forum descriptions. You may attend more than one forum especially if you hold an accreditation in more than one lead occupational trade area. Forums are free, opened to the general public and pre-registration is not necessary.

Lead Paint Inspection Forum

Appropriate for accredited Visual Inspectors, Lead Inspector Technicians and Lead Risk Assessors. The focus is to discuss how to properly fill out the Inspection Certificates, regulations changes and issues of concern for the lead paint inspection community. This forum will be held on Thursday, February 21, 2002, starting at 6:00 p.m and ending at approximately 9:00 p.m. Inclement weather date: March 11, 2002.

Lead Paint Abatement Contractor Forum

Appropriate for accredited Lead Paint Maintenance and Repainting Supervisors (S4) and Lead Paint Removal and Demolition Supervisors (S2). The focus is to discuss issues concerning the lead abatement community. There will be an open forum for all interested parties. The forum is free and will be held on Thursday, February 28, 2002 starting at 6:00 p.m. and ending at approximately 9:00 p.m. Inclement weather date: March 11, 2002.

Both forums are to be held at:

Howard County Government Complex George Howard Building Banneker Room 3430 Courthouse Drive Ellicott City, MD 21403

Inclement Weather:

In the event of inclement weather, please call MDE at 1-800-633-6101 (toll free within Maryland) or 410-631-4830 for a forum change or cancellation notice.

INSPECTION CONTRACTOR ADVISORY

Inspection contractors are advised that MDE will be looking closely at tardy submittal of the Inspection Certificates (Form # 330) and required attachments.

COMAR regulations require the submission of these forms within 10 days after the laboratory report is received. The legal reference is found in COMAR 26.16.02.03(B)(6)"The lead paint inspection contractor shall submit a copy of the certificate, with a report of all inspection results, to the Department within 10 calendar days following receipt of laboratory analysis of dust samples."

MDE has the authority to levy fines and will be targeting persistent offenders.



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NEW TRAINING PROVIDER

The University of Baltimore is available for training for a number of lead accreditations. The University has sub-contracted to offer this training through one of the currently accredited MDE training providers. Contact Ms. Kay Martel for further information at (410) 837-4200 or toll free at 1-877-ApplyUB.

TOP FIVE ERRORS

MDE Lead Inspectors have composed a list of the top five errors routinely encounter.

- Failure to proofread paperwork before submittal to MDE
- Failure to notify MDE 24 hours prior to performing dust testing
- Failure to notify MDE 48 hours after performing a visual inspection
- Failure to obtain proper MDE Supervisor accreditation number on MDE Form B and failing to include the Supervisors Statement of Work
- Failure to check with MDE to determine if contractor notified MDE for clearance inspection when contractors perform lead abatement.



INSPECTION CONTRACTORS

Inspection companies are required to update their lead inspection Protocols. This addendum should state that your company follows the standard outlined in the October 1, 2001 provisions of HB 1163 found in Environmental Article 6-8, and that you will only conduct dust wipe inspections "Provided that all chipping, peeling, flaking paint has been removed or repainted on both the interior and the exterior of the rental dwelling unit." Fax addendums to Lee Haskins at (410) 631-3156. Failure to submit these changes by February 1, 2002 may result in suspension of your accreditation.

WINTER WAIVER UPDATES

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) will grant exterior winter waivers for those jurisdictions where local code officials are unavailable to process those requests.

For Baltimore City requests. DHCD will fax a copy of the requests to the City Housing Inspections office to review for any outstanding exterior housing code violations prior to granting approval.

Call the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development at (410) 514-7565. All work delayed by a winter waiver must be completed within 30 days after the end of the applicable time period.

REVISION OF INSPECTION CERTIFICATES

MDE is currently revising the Inspection Certificate (Form # 330). MDE will accept comments and suggestions on revising the Inspection Certificate form until February 28, 2002. For more information contact Mr. Fred Miller, project manager at (410) 631-3825, fax (410) 631-3156, email (fmiller@mde.state.md.us) or mail suggestions to: MDE, Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, Waste Management Administration, 2500 Broening Highway Baltimore MD 21224.

3rd PARTY EXAMINATIONS

MDE will continue to conduct all EPA required 3rd Party examinations for the following categories: Lead Paint Removal and Demolition Supervisor, Lead Paint Inspector Technician and Lead Paint Risk Assessor Testing will continue to be conducted every second Wednesday of every month. Contact Ms. Terry Brunson at (410) 631-3316 to schedule a test.

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